General Election
November 7, 2023
HAMILTON COUNTY, OH

Instructions to Voter:
To Vote: completely
darken the box to the
left of your choice.
Please use a black or
blue ink pen only.

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- Note the permitted
number of choices

- Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed.
- If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted.
- To vote for a write-in candidate: completely darken the box to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted.
- Do not write-in a candidate's name if that person's name is already printed on the ballot for that same contest.
- If you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times.

For Judge of Hamilton **County Municipal Court** (District 1) **Full Term Commencing** 1-3-2024 (Vote for not more than 1) Janaya Trotter Bratton **CITY OF CINCINNATI** For Member of Council at Large (Vote for not more than 9) \_\_\_\_ Jeff Cramerding Reggie Harris Mark Jeffreys Scotty Johnson Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney Liz Keating Meeka D. Owens Victoria Parks Seth Walsh Anna Albi **CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** For Member of Board of **Education** (Vote for not more than 3) Bryan Cannon Ben Lindy

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1 ISSUE 1
A Self-Executing
Amendment Relating to
Abortion and Other
Reproductive Decisions
Proposed Constitutional
Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition To enact Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for the amendment to pass.

The proposed amendment would:
- Establish in the Constitution of the
State of Ohio an individual right to
one's own reproductive medical
treatment, including but not limited
to abortion;

- Create legal protections for any person or entity that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;
- Prohibit the State from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing, or prohibiting abortion before an unborn child is determined to be viable, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means;
- Grant a pregnant woman's treating physician the authority to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether an unborn child is viable;
- Only allow the State to prohibit an abortion after an unborn child is determined by a pregnant woman's treating physician to be viable and only if the physician does not consider the abortion necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health; and
- Always allow an unborn child to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy, regardless of viability if, in the treating physician's determination, the abortion is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health.

If passed, the amendment will become effective 30 days after the election.

SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES
NO

Kendra Mapp

Paul Schiele

**Eve Bolton** 

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#### 2 ISSUE 2

To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis Proposed Law

**Proposed by Initiative Petition** 

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code

A majority yes vote is necessary for the law to pass.

To enact Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, which would:

- Define adult use cannabis to mean marijuana as defined in Section 3719.01 of the Revised Code and establish the Division of Cannabis Control (the "Division") within the Department of Commerce;
- Authorize the Division to regulate, investigate, and penalize adult use cannabis operators, adult use testing laboratories, and individuals required to be licensed;
- Legalize and regulate the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow, and use of cannabis by adults at least twenty-one years of age;
- Create additional protections for individuals who engage in permitted adult use cannabis conduct;
- Establish the cannabis social equity and jobs program and require the Department of Development to certify program applicants based on social and economic disadvantage;
- Define "social disadvantage" to include membership in a racial or ethnic minority group, disability status, gender, or long-term residence in an area of high unemployment;
- Shield certain confidential information from disclosure to the public, including but not limited to any information reported to or collected by the Division that identifies or would tend to identify any adult use

cannabis consumer and prohibit the Department of Development from releasing certain application information as public records;

- Require the Division to provide preferential treatment to applicants who have qualified for the cannabis social equity and jobs program based on social disadvantage when issuing level III adult use cannabis cultivator licenses and dispensary licenses;
- Prohibit certain local government entities from limiting specific research, levying a tax, or charge on adult use operations, their owner, or their property not generally charged on other business, and prohibit certain local government entities from prohibiting or limiting adult use cannabis home grow or prohibiting or restricting an activity authorized by the proposed law;
- Authorize a landlord or an employer to prohibit the adult use of cannabis in certain circumstances, and prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using or under the influence of adult use cannabis and from using any other combustible adult use cannabis while a passenger in a motor vehicle;
- Limit criminal liability for certain financial institutions that provide financial services to any lawful adult use cannabis operator or testing laboratory licensed under the proposed law;
- Require the Division to enter into an agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to create a program for cannabis addiction services;
- Provide for the creation of five funds in the state treasury: the adult use tax fund; the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; the host community cannabis fund; the substance abuse and addiction fund; and the division

of cannabis control and tax commissioner fund; and

- Provide for taxation of 10 percent on the sale of adult use cannabis by dispensaries in addition to usual sales taxes and require that all monies collected from the 10 percent tax levied to be deposited into the adult use tax fund and quarterly distributed as follows: 36 percent to the cannabis social equity and jobs fund; 36 percent to the host community cannabis facilities fund; 25 percent to the substance abuse and addiction fund; and three percent to the division of cannabis control and tax commission fund. If passed, the law will become effective 30 days after the election.

# SHALL THE PROPOSED LAW BE ADOPTED?

YES

☐ NO

# 19 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) HAMILTON COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of providing and maintaining zoological park services and facilities that the county auditor estimates will collect \$7,542,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.46 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$9 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

FOR THE	TAX LEVY
AGAINST	THE TAX
LEVY	

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# 22 PROPOSED ORDINANCE **CITY OF CINCINNATI**

#### A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Cincinnati Southern Railway Board of Trustees be authorized to sell the Cincinnati Southern Railway to an entity, the ultimate parent company of which is Norfolk Southern Corporation, for a purchase price of \$1,600,000,000, to be paid in a single installment during the year 2024, with the moneys received to be deposited into a trust fund operated by the Cincinnati Southern Railway Board of Trustees, with the City of Cincinnati as the sole beneficiary, the moneys to be annually disbursed to the municipal corporation in an amount no less than \$26,500,000 per year, for the purpose of the rehabilitation, modernization, or replacement of existing streets, bridges, municipal buildings, parks and green spaces, site improvements, recreation facilities, improvements for parking purposes, and any other public facilities owned by the City of Cincinnati, and to pay for the costs

23 PROPOSED CHARTER **AMENDMENT** (ORD # 291) CITY OF CINCINNATI

of administering the trust fund?

\_\_\_\_YES

■ NO

A majority vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the charter of the City of Cincinnati be amended to clarify the process for citizens to initiate charter amendments, ordinances, and referenda by providing a process and timeline for submitting petitions for initiatives, referenda, and Charter amendments to the Clerk of Council to allow a reasonable time for verification of signatures and drafting necessary ordinances and an opportunity for citizens to collect additional signatures on petitions; requiring petition circulators to submit a certified copy of any initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment petition to the Clerk of Council

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before collecting signatures on the petitions; permitting City Council to cast their votes by any method that publicly announces their vote, including voice, electronic, or other mechanical method; clarifying throughout the Charter that Council terms are two years; clarifying that candidate petition circulators must sign a statement rather than provide a notarized affidavit on candidate petitions; aligning the timeline for filing a nominating petition for an election to an unexpired term of Office of Mayor with state and federal requirements; and providing an opportunity for candidates for Council and Mayor to collect additional signatures on their petitions by amending existing Sections 3 and 5 of Article II, "Legislative Power," and existing sections 1, 2, and 4 of Article IX, "Nominations and Elections," and by enacting new Section 8 of Article II, "Legislative Power"?

YES	
NO	

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## 20 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE) **HAMILTON COUNTY**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of 1 mill and an increase of 0.5 mill for each \$1 of taxable value to constitute a tax for the benefit of Hamilton County for the purpose of providing funds for operating expenses and capital improvements for the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library that the county auditor estimates will collect \$30,878,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$43 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX **LEVY** 

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# 24 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT (ORD # 292) CITY OF CINCINNATI

A majority vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Charter of the City of Cincinnati be amended to require the City of Cincinnati to raise income and withholding taxes by three-tenths of one percent (0.3%), if subsequently approved by the electorate, annually beginning January 1, 2025, which new taxes shall be deposited into a non-lapsing special revenue fund restricted only to finance housing affordable to households with income up to 80 percent of the area median income as established by federal law with 65 percent of the fund restricted to support housing affordable only to households with incomes up to 30 percent of the area median income; which new taxes shall fund such housing throughout the City of Cincinnati through grants, subsidies, and loans, including to third party housing developers, which may be of low or no interest, and/or forgivable; which new taxes can be spent to increase, preserve, maintain, repair, improve, and pay off indebtedness related to privately owned homes and rental properties owned or rented by people with incomes up to 80 percent of the area median income as established by federal law; which new taxes can be spent to provide down payment assistance, mortgages, loans, financial counseling, and construction loans to people with incomes up to 80 percent of the area median income; and which up to five percent of annual revenues collected from the new tax may be used to support city staff and operations established for the purposes of administering the funds; and which imposes long-term

restrictive covenants on
property that receives funds
from these taxes to maintain
affordability and provide first
right of refusal to purchase
rental property funded through
these taxes to tenants and the
City, and shall be administered
in consultation with an 11
member board of private
citizens?
☐ YES
□NO
END OF BALLOT

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(11/7/2023)